

MEXICAN ECONOMY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee continued hearings to examine the economic situation in Mexico and United States efforts to stabilize the peso, receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Robert E. Rubin, Secretary, and Lawrence H. Summers, Under Secretary for International Affairs, both of the Department of the Treasury; Peter Tarnoff, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Jack Kemp, Empower America, Washington, D.C.; and Paul A. Volcker, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

SUPERFUND REFORM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control and Risk Assessment held oversight hearings on the implementation of the Comprehensive Environmental Re-

sponse, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (Superfund), receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; J. Winston Porter, Waste Policy Center, Sterling, Virginia; Edwin H. Clark II, Clean Sites, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; Michael Steinberg, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, on behalf of the Hazardous Waste Cleanup Project, John C. Shanahan, Heritage Foundation, Don R. Clay, Don Clay Associates, Inc., and Katherine N. Probst, Resources for the Future, all of Washington, D.C.; and Lloyd S. Dixon, RAND Corp., Santa Monica, California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee continued hearings on proposals to reform the national welfare system, receiving testimony from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 14.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Thirteen public bills, H.R. 12011213; and four resolutions, H.J. Res. 78, H. Con. Res. 38; and H. Res. 113114, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as followed:

H. Res. 107, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fourth Congress, amended (H. Rept. 10474); and

H.R. 999, to establish a single, consolidated source of Federal child care funding; to establish a program to provide block grants to States to provide nutrition assistance to economically disadvantaged individuals and families and to establish a program to provide block grants to States to provide school-based food services to students; and to restrict alien eligibility for certain education, training, and other programs, amended (H. Rept. 10475, Part 1).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Bonilla to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Paperwork Reduction: House passed S. 244, to further the goals of the Paperwork Reduction Act to have Federal agencies become more responsible and publicly accountable for reducing the burden of Federal paperwork on the public.

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Agreed to the Clinger motion to strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the text of H.R. 830, a similar House-passed bill. House then insisted on its amendment to S. 244, and asked a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Clinger, Meyers of Kansas, McHugh, McIntosh, Fox of Pennsylvania, Collins of Illinois, Peterson of Minnesota, and Wise.

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Product Liability: By a recorded vote of 265 ayes to 161 noes, Roll No. 229, the House passed H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation.

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Rejected the Gordon motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that sought to restore provisions to require foreign manufacturers to appoint an agent to receive service of process in the United States; and change the limit on punitive damages to three times the amount of damages awarded to the claimant for economic loss on which the claimant's action is based, or \$1 million, whichever is less (rejected by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 228).

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Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order under the rule.

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Rejected: The Schumer amendment that sought to provide for a 5-year sunset on provisions, unless the Commerce Department certifies to Congress not later

than 90 days prior to the sunset date that insurance rates for liabilities affected by provisions have declined by not less than 10 percent after adjustment for changes in the CPI, or they have not declined by such a percentage because of extraordinary circumstances that must be detailed (rejected by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 227).

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The Gekas amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that would have permitted the defendant in any State or Federal civil liability action to introduce evidence concerning the claimant's receipt of benefits from a collateral source as reimbursement for the harm suffered.

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The Clerk was authorized to make such technical and conforming changes as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of March 13. Agreed to adjourn from Friday to Monday.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed to meet at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, and at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business on March 15.

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Transfer of Employee Positions: House agreed to H. Res. 113, providing for the transfer of certain employee positions.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3049–50.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three recorded votes developed during the procedures of the House today and appear on pages H3022, H3026–27, and H3027. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Office of the General Counsel and National Appeals Division. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: James S. Gilliland, General Counsel; and Frederick Young, Acting Director, National Appeals Division.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Maritime Administration and the Federal Maritime Commission. Testimony was heard from Albert J. Herberger, Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; and William D. Hathaway, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia held a hearing on D.C.'s Financial Condition. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Smithsonian Institution. Testimony was heard from I. Michael Hayman, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.

LABOR, HHS AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Testimony was heard from Nelba Schabaz, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

ERISA TARGETED HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM ACT

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H.R. 995, ERISA Targeted Health Insurance Reform Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Charles C. Masten, Inspector General, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service concluded hearings on the Federal Retirement System (H.R. 804, H.R. 165, H. Con. Res. 2, and H.R. 575). Testimony was heard from Representatives Coble, Goodlatte, Miller of Florida, Davis, English of Pennsylvania, Salmon, Shays, Stockman, Chrysler and Murtha; Nancy Kingsbury, Director, Federal Human Resource Management Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—BORDER SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on border security. Testimony was heard from Representatives Condit, Hunter, Bilbray, and Coleman;